

Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2)



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Field a digital command-and-control system that provides battle command and situational awareness information from the brigade level down to the soldier/platform level.

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Force XXI Battle Command Brigade-and-Below (FBCB2) forms the principal digital command-and-control system for the Army at brigade levels and below. The FBCB2 system is designated acquisition category 1D and is in the engineering and manufacturing development (EMD) phase. Applique hardware and software are integrated into the various platforms at brigade and below, as well as appropriate division and corps slices necessary to support brigade operations. The system features the interconnection of platforms through a communications infrastructure called the tactical internet to transmit situational awareness data.

FOREIGN COUNTERPART

No known foreign counterpart

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES

None

PROGRAM STATUS

3-4QFY99 Conducted successful Reliability Demonstration Test.

Delivered Versions 3.0 and 3.1 of FBCB2 software and EBC software.

Achieved ranking as one of top five Army Chief of Staff programs.

1QFY00 Conducted Army Systems Acquisition Review Council review.

2QFY00 Delivered Version 3.2 software.

Awarded Low-Rate Initial Production (LRIP) contract.

Conducted Field Test #2.

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

3QFY00 Field Development Test and Evaluation/Limited User Test #2 (FDTE/LUT 2).

4QFY00 Equip 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood (LRIP).

Complete field test 3.

Release Version 3.3 software.

1QFY01 Award follow-on system engineering and integration contract.

3QFY01 Hold DCX 1 at National Training Center/LUT 3.

4QFY01 Hold DCX 2 (Ft. Hood).

FY02 Reevaluate program acquisition strategy/plan to support the Army's digitized force effectiveness evaluation.

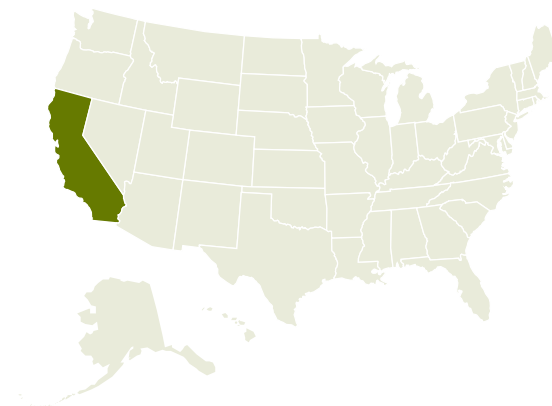
1QFY02 Undertake Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E).

3QFY02 Capitalize milestone.

Award full-rate production contract.

PRIME CONTRACTORS

TRW (Carson, CA)



* See appendix for list of subcontractors

